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Evadine Parker: Miss Adams, I understand -- I well remember you telling us about your school days here. And, you want to tell us something about that first?

Marie Adams: Well, they were very pleasant days. I came in 1922 and Dr. Kinnaman was the Dean then and he was a very fine person. And some of the teachers that I had were... I remember one particularly... was Dr. Crabb. I had him at 1:20 each--in the afternoon. And when I would go to class and I was called on every day and I would go to class and Dr. Crabb would say, "Miss Adams, stand up." And then after you stood for what seemed like an hour, he would ask the question, but it was an enjoyable class. I also had Dr. Stickles and Dr. Stickles never did call on me in class at all. He stood--I was first, seated alphabetically, and I was on the front row so when he stood right next to me so he never did see me, he just looked over me. I had Miss Robertson in History, and the one I remember with a great deal of pleasure along with these was Mr. Craig because if he hadn't taught Chemistry, I would be taking it yet, I guess. But, he was--I got through his course. They are some of the teachers I remember besides the ones in Home Economics. Of course in Home Economics was, when I came, Anna Lee Davis who later married Mr. Izzard and lives in New York. And she was the one instrumental in getting me to come to Western because I had planned to go to Peabody, but she, as we lived here, suggested I come to Western and I'm glad that I did. In the department with her, another one I remember was Miss Patsy Shobe who taught here for a number of years then went out West to teach.

E.P.: Wasn't she from Smith's Grove?

M.A.: Yes, she was. And she taught Foods, I think it was. Then Mrs. Bruce Harrison was here for awhile as a student assistant, and they were the ones that I remember most in my days at Western.

E.P.: Now, who were some of your classmates in Home Economics?

M.A.: Well, I had some very famous ones. One was Ronella Spickard who was later a supervisor of Home Economics for the state of Kentucky. Then, Mrs. Ferren was another one. And then--

E.P.: Now she lived here in Bowling Green.

M.A.: She lived here and taught here in Bowling Green for a number of years. And then, I'm sorry to say, some of them I can't remember their names and I'm ashamed of it, but those two I particularly remember. And, let me see, there was another one that her father was the preacher at the Twelfth Street Church of Christ and I want to say Ola Johnston but I don't think that's... she was Ola...Ola Moore is who she was and she married and I've forgotten her married name. And then there was another one from eastern Kentucky and we were the four that I remember particularly in the graduating class.

E.P.: Miss Adams, do you want to--you mentioned that you lived here. Did these girls live in the dormitory or did they live out in town, too?

M.A.: Some of them lived in the dormitory but most of them lived out in town. Miss Spickard, I remember did, because her brothers, some of them were in school at the time and she kept house for them. And of course, Ola Moore lived out in town because her parents lived here. Mrs. Ferren lived out in town--I don't know whether she had an apartment or not.

E.P.: You came in '22. Now you had been in school some other place, hadn't you?

M.A.: I had been at Winthrop College in South Carolina from '20 to '22 and I went down there because I met some girls from South Carolina in Washington where I was working and I told them I was going to quit and go to college and they thought there was nothing equal Winthrop, so they were good salesmen for the school, because I was down there two years and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I think it's always enjoyable to be in a dormitory and that's where I got dormitory life at Winthrop, which was--I had an excellent roommate that when she went home for the weekend, she always invited me so I had a good time.

E.P.: Well, we're going to renew some acquaintances from Rock Hill and Winthrop this year, or in '77 when the District Counselor and Phi U come. She's a faculty person down there, and she'll be here in April of '77, so you must be sure to have a chance to visit with her some. And now you mentioned then that you transferred here to Western in '22. Do you care--that was still a two-year graduating class at that time, am I not right?

M.A.: Uh-huh, yes.

E.P.: And do you want to say something then about your senior year and graduation?

M.A.: Yes, I was in that famous class of '24 that really did have some interesting people in it.

E.P.: Famous in what way, Miss Adams?

M.A.: Well, in many ways, as Mr. Barnes was in it who was in Industrial Arts here for a number of years. Then, there's one that comes back, I can't recall his name right now that's a lawyer in Louisville. I remember when we had the last dinner here for the '24 class that was there, that he was really enjoying being back and seeing all of them, and there's some, many others in that class, but fortunately I was, it was arranged alphabetically when we graduated so I was the first graduate from Western in the '24 class.

E.P.: And that was the first four-year class, right?

M.A.: Yes. And the speaker at our graduation was Josephus Daniels, and I had known him in Washington because I had worked in the Navy Department. And when I told him that I had been in the Navy Department while he was Secretary of the Navy; he was really interested. The first thing he said afterwards, he was telling somebody, he turned around to me and said, "Why didn't you salute when I came in?". I hated to tell him I didn't know

how.

E.P.: And was he still Secretary of the Navy when he made the Commencement speech here?

M.A.: No, no. No, he was out then. President Roosevelt was in the Navy Department under Josephus Daniels. So, it was, I enjoyed the Navy. And, of course, we had to wear uniforms and he asked me how I liked the uniforms. I thought they were right attractive except we had to wear capes and they were the coldest things, and Washington is a cold place. But, I enjoyed my years there.

E.P.: Well, that's very interesting. So, you are the first four-year graduate of Western?

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: And we've graduated many since 1924.

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: Then, do you care to say something about your teaching experiences away from here?

M.A.: Before I came to Western, after I had been at Winthrop two years, I thought I knew enough to go out and teach. So, I had an opportunity to go to Virginia--Courtland, Virginia--and that was really an experience. They had--I equipped the department there and started it and I think it's still going, last I've heard, and



I roomed with an attorney, Mr. and Mrs. Pulley, and had my meals with them, and the interesting thing was in the wintertime they moved out of town a piece and I was sent in every day with the janitor and I enjoyed it there, and we were close to Norfolk; we could go over there to plays and musicals and things and the Pulleys were real fine people and I think it's one of my enjoyable experiences. Then, when I finished here in January, I went on to Wingo to teach.

E.P.: Wingo, Kentucky?

M.A.: Kentucky, oh yes.

E.P.: Dr. Doran's home.

M.A.: Yes. And I remember Wingo as being the muddiest place I'd ever been in. But the thing that impressed me about Wingo...if people haven't lived in a little town, I think they miss a lot. Because I went in on the train in the afternoon and I looked out, and there... I never saw such a crowd of people and I thought they'd all come down to see me. I felt so big. I didn't know that that's what they did every day. They went to the--they met the train and then went to the Post Office afterwards to get their mail. So, I soon joined the crowd though that went down. But that was a nice experience. And then the--I kinda had an idea that I would change every year and see different places, so I went to Princeton and taught a year. And, again it was a new department over there. I have started--equipped--about three departments, I think. And I stayed over there one year then I came back to the

Training School and was here for two years then went to Versailles which was a training center for the University of Kentucky and stayed until I came back to Western in 1930.

E.P.: Who was your principal or superintendent at Versailles?

M.A.: Mr. Garrett was the superintendent there. I enjoyed that particularly. Miss Spickard was the supervisor. She and Dr. Ethel Parker were my supervisors and they were both delightful to work with. And, one of the things we did over there was equip a cottage so we could have meals in it and kinda have some home experiences. It was a delightful place and was on the school grounds. One of the men in town gave us some money to help us equip it and Mr. Garrett was real good about helping us along and then we entertained over there--had some meals and it was really quite an experience.

E.P.: Well now, was that at the high school level, sort of like the Home Management House at the college level except the girls didn't stay there at night?

M.A.: They stayed--some of them stayed there at night because it was kinda like the Home Management House except it was on the high school level. And, many of the girls came from a home for girls over there.

E.P.: Midway.

M.A.: Yeah, Mid--no, not Midway; there was one in Versailles.

E.P.: Oh.

M.A.: It was for girls. It gave them a chance to get out from the home and they thoroughly enjoyed spending the night over there, and having breakfast, and planning three meals a day and preparing them. I enjoyed it, too.

E.P.: Now, speaking of home management, where was the Home Management House when you were at Western, as a student?

M.A.: It was what was known as the Village. During the war, they built some houses down--it was known as Cherry Village, I believe was the name they had and when we needed a home management house, we used one of them down there and it was my--we cooked with oil--

E.P.: Kerosene.

M.A.: --kerosene stoves and we had to make our own fires in innade grates. I think we had grates, not stoves. But we stayed down there...had to stay so many days. It wasn't too many. And one of the teachers we had was a Bowling Green person that was in charge of it and she later married a doctor that was with--oh, the--who are the people out west that are so famous? She married a doctor that was at Rochester...

E.P.: At Mayo's?

M.A.: ...Mayo's Clinic in Rochester.

E.P.: And she was a Bowling Green person?

M.A.: Yes, she lived out on the Nashville Road in that pretty home on the left where the bowling--right across from that entrance to that underground cave. You know the two-story house there?

E.P.: Uh-huh.

M.A.: And that's where her parents lived.

E.P.: Well...

M.A.: But I can't remember her name.

E.P.: Maybe you will think of that. Well, that was an interesting experience. And, I note, too, that we didn't mention where the Home Economics department was located when you were a student at Western. Do you want to comment on that?

M.A.: Well, it was located in Cabell Hall, on the second floor, and the music department was on the first floor. I don't know which made the most noise, the Home Ec or the Music, but anyway we thought it would be better that way and we were over there for a number of years. And then, of course, that was torn down, and that's now....

E.P.: Am I not right, Miss Adams, that when Western got ready to move Cabell Hall that they then had Mr. L. T. Smith on the staff and he supervised the moving of those beautiful white

limestone from the building to the present location which for many--here on the Circle Drive--which for many years was the Home Economics department and now Industrial Education Annex number two, I believe is the number. Am I not right?

M.A.: Yes, you're right about that.

E.P.: And, of course we could talk and talk about the beautiful stone because I'm told they were quarried out here at the White Stone Quarry on Blue Level Road. And some of the other stone on the building--on the hill--came from out there too. And you just had the second floor over there?

M.A.: Yes. Uh-huh.

E.P.: Well now, was Sylvia Bailey the maid then?

M.A.: Sylvia was here for many years and she was quite an institution. I don't know how many girls have been kept in school because Sylvia advised them and she knew what each teacher taught and she knew just what they ought to do to come up to the standards of the teachers, so I can remember several that were decided that they were gonna quit but Sylvia got them back into the department; she felt like it was her department and it was certainly kept in apple-pie order, I suppose you would say.

E.P.: Well, to me, Sylvia was always with the department, I guess, because I know in my undergraduate days she was very important and very active, of course, and when I came back on

the faculty she was still with us. But, we're skipping around a little bit, but I did want us to mention the Cabell Hall building and the moving of it. Now, you mentioned that you were at the Training School, and now when did you come to the Home Economics department as a faculty member?

M.A.: I came in 1930...and was in the Home Management House and did some teaching in Home Economics Education at that time.

E.P.: Who were the other faculty in Home Economics at that time?

M.A.: Helen Hunt was one in Nutrition and the ones who had her remember her fondly because she was an excellent teacher. They all had to carry on an experiment with rats, and then they had to dissect the rats....

E.P.: Yes, I'm one of those. Interestingly enough, I had my Dietetics under Miss Hunt. You know, I was one of those that was teaching and then I would come back summer terms and some times other than the spring term. But, at any rate, several years after I had had Dietetics with her and she had taught some other place, she was back here and I had my senior Nutrition under her and that's when we did that animal Nutrition project. Mine was Vitamin B. I'm stealing your time, though.

M.A.: That's all right. Then, we had Dorothy Thompson in the Art Department and she was an excellent person--had quite innovative ideas and we were sorry that she had to leave, but she had a heart condition and had to retire early.

E.P.: Yes, I had classes under her.

M.A.: Uh-huh.

E.P.: And then, of course, Miss Day was the head of the department.

M.A.: Yes, the head of the department. And Mary Lee Taylor who married Oscar Wagner was in the clothing--was in the department when I came and she was here for a number--until she married--of course, she passed away last summer.

E.P.: Haven't I heard you say that Miss Day, Miss Lotta Day, came here to--I mean one of her first assignments was to--plan the relocation of the building, or the floor plan of the relocated building?

M.A.: I think so. And then she worked on the four-year program, too. Of course, Miss Davis had done a lot towards it, but Miss Day did quite a lot, too, finalizing the 4-year program.

E.P.: Now Miss Davis was the one who followed Iva Scott.

M.A.: Yes. I don't know whether she followed Iva Scott or there was one in-between.

E.P.: Alcie Pace--Alcie Kinslow.

M.A.: Alcie Kinslow taught here but she was not head of the department.

E.P.: I see. Well, this is all very interesting history there, and having known many of the people that you've mentioned makes it a very enjoyable experience for me, too. Then you mentioned 1930--of course, depression years--and any comment you want to make about your experiences then?

M.A.: Well, I don't remember them very differently except when they declared a bank holiday and some of the girls didn't even have a postage stamp to write home. I remember one particularly. Of course, I was in the Home Management House and you certainly counted your pennies. And one of them had quite a run-in with the grocery clerk because she thought maybe she was being charged too much. She just had so much money to spend. And, so they finally came to an agreement on that.

E.P.: Well, that is very interesting. And where was the Home Management House? You speak of it as a house now. Where was it located?

M.A.: Well, the second one was located on Ogden Campus. It had been the President's Home--the President of Ogden Campus--

E.P.: Ogden College

M.A.: --Ogden College had lived there. And we...that was the first Home Management House.

E.P.: I lived there as a senior some years after that and was pleased that it was still in existence when I came back here on



the faculty. In fact, that's the little cottage that was dismantled when they got ready to build the--or locate--the Environmental Science Building over there.

M.A.: And then the other one that was dismantled was the one we moved into.

E.P.: Then the--now somewhere you mentioned when Mary Lee Taylor married Mr. Wagner and left the campus, then who took the Clothing?

M.A.: I took the Clothing then and taught it until I retired.

E.P.: And, of course, other people that you mentioned were replaced, too. Now when did Miss Day retire? Of course, I had classes under Miss Day and I also was a faculty person under her. And when did she retire?

M.A.: Oh, goodness. Dates...I guess, I guess it was around '56 or '57.

E.P.: Somewhere along there--

M.A.: Somewhere along there. She went to Indiana to live.

E.P.: Back to her home, I believe.

M.A.: Yes, uh-huh.

E.P.: And that's when you became head. You know, we were working

together as faculty members then.

M.A.: Uh-huh, yes.

E.P.: And Zella Trimble was one of our faculty.

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: And Edith--

M.A.: Before Zella came, it was Clara Lowenstein in our department, too.

E.P.: Well, then there was somebody between her and after she left and before Zella came, I believe, but of course, the catalogs would show that. And then so well, of course, I remember the Home Ec Club which from my earliest memories it was affiliated with the state and national Home Ec Club.

M.A.: It was the first one to become affiliated.

E.P.: In Kentucky?

M.A.: Nationally.

E.P.: Uh-huh.

M.A.: National affiliation. The Iva Scott Club was the first one in Kentucky.

E.P.: Uh-huh. And Miss Day organized that, didn't she?

M.A.: Yes, uh-huh.

E.P.: And was a long-time leader of that.

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: I remember in the memorial service--or, or--that was given by Miss Williamson at the state Home Ec meeting after Miss Day's death, she mentioned those early years of her leadership in--at--the state level with the club work. And, and of course, it was always a very active club. Then, do you care to say something about Phi U?

M.A.: I believe you know more about it than I do. You're more actively connected with it. You might, you'll have to tell when it was started and year.

E.P.: Well, it was--well, we chartered it in '66. And I well remember those girls didn't--those charter members--didn't want the charter granted until May 16th because that was the year--that was the day on which Western became a University. And they wanted the charter to be listed as the University. And so, they delayed issuing the charter a few days after the installation of that. And anything you want to say about the other Home Management Houses?

M.A.: Well, after we moved from the campus house over there, the

Music Building was down at the Rock House and they moved out and we got a chance to go in there and have the Home Management House located there. And then they wanted to use it for something else, so finally we got Miss McLean's home and an apartment and converted it into apartments which was an innovative idea in home management work in Kentucky.

E.P.: And by the time Western obtained that property, it was known as the Petty property, wasn't it?

M.A.: Yes, uh-huh.

E.P.: I believe she was a sister of Etta Runners and Mr. and Mrs. Petty had those apartments for some time. And, well of course, by that time the enrollment had grown so much that the Rock House at the foot of the hill was no longer adequate for the experiences or the number of students. And then too, Western converted the Rock House into a faculty--uh, guest house.

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: College guest house.

M.A.: Yes, yes, uh-huh.

E.P.: And, any more you want to say about the innovative idea of the apartments?

M.A.: No, I think one of the things that interested people the

most was that we converted the garage into a large dining room, and it was--the directors lived in the cottage and the girls had apartments in the house. And when they entertained, they used this large dining area. And it was quite nice.

E.P.: Very nice. And, let's see, Bertha Jones came to us from North Carolina as director of the house and to teach other subjects...

M.A.: Uh-huh.

E.P.: ...there for awhile. And she was with us five or six years, I believe. And, and we used those apartments until it was necessary to dismantle them for the proposed Environmental Science building.

M.A.: Yes.

E.P.: And of course we now have them over in the apartments at Regency dormitory.

M.A.: I think one person that we kind of left out of here was--let me see, we did mention Miss Lowenstein, and have we left out--what Church was here in Nutrition?

E.P.: Do you want to repeat that?

M.A.: Adeline Church was here in Nutrition. Now, I don't remember the years, but I know she was quite impressed with Kentucky and the thing that impressed her...she sent back home a jar of red dirt

'cause she didn't think anything would grow in this red dirt. She's from Wisconsin. And when her parents came down we had to go out and see the caves around because they weren't used to those. But, she was here and then came back later. And of course, Helen Kelly and Lucille Stiles came into the department at--when--I became head of the department. Lucille was in Home Economics Education and Helen was Nutrition and some Foods. And Miss Parker was in as the Foods teacher and..

E.P.: Home Management.

M.A.: ...and Home Management.

E.P.: Yes, I sort of soft-pedaled my part of it because I understand I am to be on a later interview, but I was a resident instructor in the Rock House at the foot of the hill in Home Management and worked with the equipment. Of course, Miss Adams and I had much experience in some renovation, considerable renovation in the old building, and then before we move on to the present building, do you want to tell us something about the Tea Room that was operated over at Potter Hall?

M.A.: Well, I remember it with a great deal of pleasure because we used to go over there and eat so often at noon. Miss Helen Guinn was in charge of it and the students helped. And Anna Lee Nalbach was one of them that helped over there. I don't recall some others now.

E.P.: Catherine, uh...

M.A.: Snyder.

E.P.: Yes, she was Catherine Nichols.

M.A.: Yes...was over there. And it was--most of the faculty ate their noon meal over there and it was always good.

E.P.: Yes, I--of course, I can remember. I was an office girl in Potter Hall and I can remember some of those Home Ec girls that were down there. Eleanor Griffin, who is now Mrs. John Coon, is another person that helped over there. And of course, when we mention Miss Gwin, a highly qualified dietician, and at that time, everybody--all the students that didn't eat at boarding houses ate at Potter Hall, even though they did not reside there. And the basement had two big dining rooms in it and there was quite a big food service there.

M.A.: And then, who came after Miss Gwin?

E.P.: Oh, I don't know.

M.A.: Mildred Reynolds.

E.P.: No, she was before Miss Gwin. Mildred Reynolds was before Miss...

M.A.: She came...

E.P.: No, no. She was before. See, Miss Gwin was here when I

graduated, and then she left here during the war, I believe. See, I wasn't here then. But, she went down to Oak Ridge and later to U.K. and then retired to Bowling Green. But, so she was a very able home economist and added much to the experiences even though she did not teach formal classwork. The--many of the home ec students got to work under her supervision.

M.A.: And she gave the nicest parties and picnics. I was fortunate to be included in several of them and I still think of them with a great deal of pleasure.

E.P.: Well, now then, let's talk a little bit about the planning of the new building and if the department expanded over there....

M.A.: Uh-huh, if you want to.

E.P.: Well, our time is getting on here and you were here and had an active part in the planning of the present Home Economics facilities over in the Academic Complex. Do you wish to comment on those experiences?

M.A.: Well, it certainly was an experience for me, because I hadn't been in on the planning of buildings before, but we had many people to help us. And it came out pretty much as we'd planned. Of course, there were some changes made and of course now you can see some others that you would like to have made but you couldn't because of some of the restrictions put on you.

E.P.: And I'm sure others will be given an opportunity to say more about the building but it was a fascinating experience to



work on it. And of course I got to teach in it several years before my retirement. But I'd like for us to go back a little bit to the time that there was just the one degree offered in Home Economics but very high requirements in the various disciplines. For example, I had 15 semester hours of Chemistry. You mentioned Mr. Craig and Chemistry. But, I recall having had 15 semester hours in Chemistry, and five in Physics, and five in Bacteriology, now Microbiology, plus the Anatomy and Physiology plus the Nutrition and the Dietetics. And, yet I got a degree in Home Economics Education.

M.A.: Well, I think the emphasis was really on Home Economics Education because they needed so many vocational teachers at that time.

E.P.: An extension...

M.A.: An extension...that a person's to go in extension. So, we focused on that area of it. And I suppose the state directors of vocational education worked very closely with Western and of course, Mr. Ford was a big factor in the vocational program at, in getting it established as firmly as it was at Western because he spent many hours with Miss Day in working out the problems in the department.

E.P.: And, of course, through the years, our contact with Jane Melton, who was a long time state supervisor and many others who worked at the state level and administrative positions in teaching, too. And do you want to mention a little bit about some of them who went on into Dietetics and are still active in it though they

had a degree in Home Ec Ed?

M.A.: Yes, of course Mrs. Helen Kelly was one that went into it and then we have Dr. Mary Crenshaw who's at the University of Alabama is one of our graduates and we've had many others who've gone on. One I heard from this week was Anna Katherine Evans.

E.P.: Now she's still in Dietetics.

M.A.: Yes, and she's in charge of hospitals, as I understand it. I didn't find out the place but she had sent a card here and the person called me to get Dr. Crenshaw's address because Mary, uh, Anna Katherine had sent the card to her. But, then we had several to get their doctorate and Mary Helsley is one who's with the University of Iowa--

E.P.: At Ames.

M.A.: At Ames, uh-huh. In Family Relations. And can you think of some others?

E.P.: Well, of course, you mentioned Dr. Crenshaw at the University of Alabama and we're just so pleased that when Dr. Nage Toddhunter retired there as dean and also as outstanding nutritionist, that our own Dr. Mary Crenshaw was chosen to succeed her and she is still there as dean and of course, has her PhD. in Nutrition. And so we're just real proud. I'm sure there are many others that I just don't think of right off but I'm more in touch with some that we have named. And then, now I know that Mary Crenshaw did

teach and then she went on down to the University of Tennessee for her Master's in Nutrition. Helen Kelly...Helen Sydnor did that, now Helen Kelly. And they and others who went on into Dietetics had no trouble whatsoever meeting the requirements because they'd had so much Chemistry and other sciences. And I know when I entered graduate school at U. K., Dr. Erikson, in looking over my--when I had Nutrition, and noticed that I'd had my Advanced Nutrition in '39, she said that I didn't need to take it then in 1940 because she knew Miss Helen Hunt's high standards.

M.A.: Yes, uh-huh.

E.P.: So, anything else you want--we've still got a little time here. Anything else you want to say about before you retired?

M.A.: Um.

E.P.: Well, Miss Adams, we have mentioned several of our students. Let's think campus-wide a little bit. You mentioned 1930 coming as a faculty person. That was during Dr. Cherry's administration, right?

M.A.: Yes, it was and that was quite an experience to be interviewed by Dr. Cherry, which I enjoyed. And I always liked the--of course Dr. Cherry was a great one for you going to chapel and I liked to--I enjoyed chapel. Many of them that--the thing that sometimes you'd get a little amused when you'd go in and hadn't been playing very well and you always had quotations from the Bible and sometimes they might be from Shakespeare rather than the Bible. But, anyway,

they got up and gave the quotations and I --we were laughing the other day, several of us about the salaries when we started teaching, and another thing I think so many of the girls don't want to go to small towns. Well, I thoroughly enjoyed the small towns that I taught in 'cause you knew the people and I guess it wasn't much to do by today's standards, but I had a good time. And I know I started out in Virginia at \$100 a month and it's the only time I ever saved three-hundred out of that, so I really felt like I'd accomplished something. And I don't remember what my salary was at Wingo, but it was a little bit more when I came to Western. I think I got eighteen-hundred for nine months.

E.P.: But you really taught summers, too--and then--at Western.

M.A.: Yes, but you weren't paid for it.

E.P.: Well, your salary was just the flat...

M.A.: It was over nine months, not twelve.

E.P.: Uh-huh, I see. Well, and then of course we know when Dr. Cherry passed and he was followed by Dr. Garrett as President and an old friend of yours.

M.A.: Yes...I was of course delighted to see him come because I had enjoyed him in Versailles and Mrs. Garrett and the children--I had known them there. And then of course when President Thompson came in, I think he was really quite interested in Home Economics and I appreciated him choosing me to be head of the department and

he was quite cooperative in the things that we wanted to do. Of course, money was a problem sometimes--we couldn't do all we'd like to but we certainly got some of the things done.

E.P.: And he was still President when you retired, right?

M.A.: Yes, yes. Uh-huh.

E.P.: Well, that's quite a distinction to have been a faculty member under all three of those men there, and of course I remember them, too, and Dr. Garrett was President when I became a faculty member. Well, Miss Adams--everything's been brought out--well, Miss Adams, you mentioned the grocery buying for the Home Management House. I can remember as a student over there in '39 that we went to a grocery down there on State Street almost opposite what is now Woolworth's to do our buying of groceries. As I remember it, as a student, everything was around the square, right?

M.A.: Yes, that used to be one of the things you did, was to go around or sit around--park around the square and watch people who was downtown. And in the clothing, the stores--some of them--that they, where they shop, of course Pushins had--one clerk in there, I remember one student went down. She wanted some thread and she asked about how much and she said, "about a yard and a half" instead of a spool! But this woman, all the time she was waiting on you she would hum and that amused the girls so much. And then we used to have where Martin's is now, was, there were two real good stores there--one of them was Willie's and the

other was Cuthpert's. And then we did have, where Woolworth's was was a good candy store where they made peanut brittle and homemade candy. The Greeks had a candy store there and it was famous for its good products. And--oh yes--the movie was where it was now, and of course the one on College Street was added later, but the Capitol had been there for a number of years. I was so shocked not long ago to find out how much it cost to go to a movie now. I didn't pay that much when I went to Owensboro when they were showing "Gone With the Wind" the first time and I thought I'd pay three-and-a-half to see a movie, I thought that was ridiculous and I don't think that's much now--at least they don't seem to think so. But, I'm a great movie fan. I remember from high school days on I went to the movies. And I started out ten cents was what you paid to get in. I don't even know what you pay now; I haven't been in so long. The students have always been active in the churches in Bowling Green and of course when the churches would come to the campus was a big day because all of you met with the people from there and they got the roll of the people who'd belong to that particular church. And, I'm sure many of the students remember their church days in Bowling Green.

E.P.: Well, we certainly have included a number of things in the community. Back on campus, I can recall as a high school teacher that Western started having the "Senior Days." And of course we were still having them during my first years as faculty member here. But, do you want to say something about the "Senior Days?"

M.A.: Oh, they were great days. We got ready to put out some things that we had done so they could see what we were doing. And always enjoyed having the students on campus. And of course we looked forward to them coming here as students. We hoped they'd be interested in coming. Another thing I'd like to mention, when I was in school here, we had some great concerts here--Madame Schumannhite came, and I got to hear her, and she--her last song she sang was "The Star Spangled Banner." And when we--she got through--they clapped so, that was--I think--about the third encore that she'd had and they kept on clapping and she said, "Now you know you don't want me to sing anything else after that." But the concerts were quite interesting--famous people.

E.P.: Well then, I'd like for us to say a little bit about entertaining the state at the Future Homemakers' Convention here, too, at different times, if you want to mention some of those experiences.

M.A.: Of course, I never shall forget the first one I had because there were so many people coming and how to take care of all of them, and we wanted a reception for them and to get the food all prepared; of course all the teachers in the department helped and put on a good program and they were real impressed with what we did and of course it was pretty and the food was good and that was pleasing. I don't know how many times the FHA has met here.

E.P.: Well, at least four, I think, or more because it was

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organized--Kentucky was the first to get theirs organized and it was organized in 1945 and the different colleges entertained it.

M.A.: One year they came--they were here on my birthday and I told them that was the biggest birthday party I'd had. And two or three of the teachers since then have remembered my birthday and they'll send me a card each year.

E.P.: Well, so your experiences here as a student and as a faculty member have certainly included many facets of Home Economics and of Western. And, it's been a real pleasure to participate in this interview with you, Miss Adams.

M.A.: Well, thank you Miss Parker. It's always a pleasure to be with you and to recall the good 'ole days, as they used to say.

E.P.: And, they're still going on. You mentioned my participation with Phi U. They've asked me to be a Financial Advisor for another term, this year and next, and I sat in a meeting yesterday for nearly two hours and I was so impressed with those students and how they can plan. They were even talking about this April visitation that I mentioned earlier, and they're going to host the three-state workshop next fall, and--oh, that meeting just clicked. Thank you again.

M.A.: Thank you.